Thank You All

Successful schools are all about partnerships and one of the most important partnerships that we have at Chinchilla State School is with the many, many people who walk through the school gates every week to volunteer their time.

The range of volunteer work is extraordinary, such as helping in the classroom and the tuckshop, teaching Religious Education, visiting classes as a guest speaker, attending meetings, participating in committees, attending camps and school assemblies, and the list goes on.

All these people are united in one belief: that our work with children is of the highest importance and that children will learn best when they are part of a learning community of support and help.

Our Thank You morning tea, held on the library deck last Thursday, was a very small gesture of thanks and recognition to all of our many volunteers. To those who were there and also to those who weren’t able to make it, a HUGE THANK YOU for the work that you have done throughout 2016.

Curriculum Corner with PD

It’s hard to believe that we are half way through Term Four already! Where has the year gone?

PD are having lots of fun while working extremely hard this term. In English, students are learning how to write letters and postcards. They have been busy responding to letters from Fairy Tale and Nursery Rhyme characters. Students have been most helpful in assisting these characters with solving their problems. In the coming weeks, students will write letters to Santa and will post their letters when on an excursion at the Chinchilla Post Office. They can’t wait!!!

As part of Maths, students are currently working through an inquiry question, “How can you build a house just the right size for a teddy?” Students have brought a teddy friend from home and are transferring their knowledge of units of measurement to design and construct a house that is not too big, not too small but “just the right size” for their teddy.

In Geography, students are using the inquiry question “How do we care for special places?” to help investigate why a familiar place is special to them. They’ve been making observations about the features of the special place and thinking about why it is special. Students are currently having a lot of fun creating a model of their special place. Next they will make suggestions on ways that it should be cared for.

This term, our budding scientists have been exploring how familiar objects move. Students have engaged in many fun, hands-on investigations and responded to questions about the factors that influence movement. Towards the end of the term, Prep D students will put on their engineer hats to work in small groups to design and set up obstacle courses for other junior school classes. Students are super keen to demonstrate what they have learnt about the different ways in which their bodies and objects can move.

So far Prep D have earned 1000 orange slips for their demonstration of the 5 school values and are well on the way to reaching their 1500 milestone. Keep up the fantastic effort Prep D!!!

Remembrance Day

This Friday students at Chinchilla State School will observe a minute silence at 11am to commemorate the sacrifice made by those who died or otherwise suffered in Australia’s cause in wars and war-like conflicts.

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- High Five Awards
From the Principal’s Desk

As we draw closer to the end of another school year, I find myself reflecting on the achievements of our school and students, and I have to say, to date there have been many.

In this week’s Bulletin I would like to showcase the extra curricula achievements of two of our students, Ashlee and Holly Sturgess.

This year Ashlee and Holly have represented Chinchilla State School in the Queensland Interschool Equestrian Competition, participating in the primary school show-jumping division. Each competition comprises three individual events, with points being combined for overall places. Both girls first commenced the year back in March when they attended the Fairholme College Show-jumping Competition. Ashley was the winner of the 90cm section, achieving a clean sweep of 3 first places, while Holly received 6th place overall in the 80cm section, achieving a 6th, 7th and 1st for her three events. The girls attended the Darling Downs and South West Regional Championships in May. Ashlee was awarded the Guy Creighton Trophy for winning the 90cm division, finishing with two 1sts and a 2nd. Holly placed 3rd in the 80cm section, achieving 4th, 3rd and 2nd. In the June/July school holidays, the girls competed in the Queensland State Championships where they both received solid results, resulting in both Ashlee and Holly being selected for the Queensland Team for the National Titles held in Sydney.

After lots of early morning and late afternoon practice sessions, the girls headed for the Sydney Olympic Arena for the National Titles. On such a big occasion with the best four riders from each state, the girls performed great. Ashlee in the 90cm Primary Show Jumping, finished 12th place, gaining 13th, 14th and 10th from 16 competitors. Holly competed in the 80cm section and finished in 7th place, achieving 9th, 3rd, and 11th from 15 competitors. Both girls made some great memories, new friends and gained some valuable competition experience at a national level.

A very big congratulations from Chinchilla State School goes to both Ashley and Holly for their outstanding achievements and commitment to their chosen sport.

Well done, girls and thank you for doing our school proud!

Class Attendance

Term 4, Week 5 overall class attendance:

- Prep — 86.73%
- Grade 1 — 86.74%
- Grade 2 — 87.05%
- Grade 3 — 83.24%
- Grade 4 — 82.95%
- Grade 5 — 83.63%
- Grade 6 — 92.14%
- Target: 100%

Congratulations to 6A for the highest attendance percentage of 97.04% for week 5.

Congratulations to all of our students who exhibit excellent attendance and a special thank you to our parents for their strong support.

School Captain Speeches

We really know that the end of the year is approaching when the time comes for Year 5 school captain nominees to give their “campaign speeches.”

Each candidate has the opportunity to introduce themselves to the students, explain how he or she would carry out the job of school captain and why they would be the best person for the position.

Candidates will deliver their speeches this Thursday, 10th November, in the hall at 3:45pm.
PBL Update

Respect: Care for school, others’ and own property

Chinchilla State School is committed to providing a safe, supportive and respectful learning environment for students and staff, where students learn. This week’s Value lesson will focus on respecting and caring for school, others’ and own property.

Students will be taught and encouraged to take care of their own property as well as that belonging to the classroom and school environment. Students are encouraged to take pride in their desk space, classroom, eating areas and playground as well as encouraging others to do so.

Students are encouraged to keep their classrooms tidy and orderly; there is a great opportunity for students to have a special ‘job’ in their classroom in order to do this. Students will help each other to understand the importance of taking pride in our school property and environment.

This week’s Value lesson will encourage children to care for their property and that of the school in developing positive behaviours and a sense of pride in our school community.

Chinchilla State School’s P&C Association supports the PBL program in the school and has two representatives on the PBL Committee, Mrs Tanya Kidd & Mrs Leanne Evans.

Healthy Hints

Eat Well Tips

Boost your fibre

- Choose wholemeal, wholegrain and seeded breads instead of white.
- Add fruit to breakfast cereal and choose a cereal that’s high in fibre.
- Keep the skin on fruit and vegetables (wash them well first) and go for 285 every day.

Drink more water

- Always keep a jug of chilled water in the fridge.
- Add fresh lemon juice or mint leaves for flavour.
- Take a water bottle with you when you’re out.
- Keep a water bottle on your desk at work or school.
- Have a glass of water with every coffee or alcoholic drink to help replace water loss.

Tips for less sugar

- Train your taste buds to rely less on sweetness.
- How many sugars do you have with your cuppa? Cut down gradually to zero.
- Go for fruit instead of biscuits, chocolate, cakes or lollies.
- Choose foods and drinks with no added sugar, especially soft drinks.

Prep Enrolments 2017

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Is your child 0-5 years old?

Come along to our
Wednesday morning activities
from 9:00am to 10:30am

Where: Behind the library
Taking Prep Enrolments NOW

Phone 4672 9222
Sports with Mr Clarke

We are now in Week 6 and drawing a bead on the end of the year. As teachers, we are looking towards our professional responsibilities of reporting and finalising all of our school commitments.

In PE classes down at the pool we have been having a great time strengthening our swimming strokes, and enjoying our time in the water. It has been a great way to cool off during the day too. We have reached half way through the swimming block now, with some of the classes finishing their swimming block.

Just a reminder for students who are still swimming; you need to have a swim shirt on and sunscreen as we are a sun safe school. Mrs Julie O’Sullivan has been taking care of the Prep to 2 classes back at school, and by all reports it sounds like they are having lots of fun.

Attendance Matters

Research shows that students who have good attendance are more likely to achieve high results at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons which will help them to achieve their full potential.


Chappy’s Corner

In the last few weeks of last term and the beginning of this term I have worked with the girls from 6B. During our conversations we spoke about communication and friendships. A few of the girls decided to make a poster with tips for other students on how to communicate better. The poster will be displayed in the library for members of the school community to view. Brock, Ella and Alyssa worked hard on the poster titled "Treat Others The Way You Want to be Treated".

This rule encourages everyone to be role models to others. The girls stated that they would like everyone to focus on other people’s feelings. They also focused on respecting others and receiving respect in return. The poster was made to inform others of how important it is to be a role model to our family and peers.

Annette Cousins

Tuckshop Roster

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